

# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH.



## September 26 - 30 Get Involved

As National Preparedness Month comes to a close, the best time to **Get Involved** is now, before a disaster hits. Here are some ways you can help the City recover from all kinds of emergencies.

### **BECOME A VOLUNTEER:**

It is best to affiliate with a recognized volunteer organization before a disaster happens. Getting involved with a volunteer organization before an emergency will increase your ability to help when help is needed.

After a disaster, before going directly to volunteer at a relief organization, hospital or a disaster site, wait for instructions from local officials, or check with specific organizations.



Be patient. In the immediate disaster response period there are often many people

## Weekly Themes

**September 2:**  
Kick-Off Events

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Get a Kit: Gather Emergency Supplies

**September 12-18:**  
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Stay Informed

**September 26-30:**  
Get Involved: Volunteer

## Get Connected

Check out more exciting National Preparedness Month events and activities on OEM's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

## Resources

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[National Preparedness Month Event Planning Sheet](#)

waiting to volunteer. There may be a greater need for volunteers during the recovery period, weeks and months after disaster strikes.

To learn about additional disaster preparedness volunteer opportunities, check out the NYC Citizen Corps Council's [Get Involved. NYC Volunteer Opportunities](#) page or attend Tuesday's Get Involved. NYC Volunteer Organizations workshop.

#### **MAKE A DONATION:**

Making a financial contribution to a volunteer agency involved in disaster relief is often the most sensible and efficient way of helping people in need after a disaster: Relief agencies will often spend the money in the local disaster area thus helping the local economy get back on its feet.

Cash donations avoid the complicated, costly, and time-consuming process of collecting, sorting, packing, transporting, unloading, resorting, storing, repackaging, and distributing donated goods.

Cash donations allow relief agencies to make purchases that precisely meet victims' needs or to provide vouchers for people to purchase what they need.

Cash donations to recognized relief organizations are tax deductible. Before donating any goods, including food or clothing, wait for instructions from local officials or check with a specific organization. Unneeded items overwhelm the recovery effort and may go to waste.



#### **GIVE BLOOD:**

New York City needs approximately 2,000 people to donate blood every day to maintain its supplies. Blood reserves are perishable and constantly needs to be replenished. Donating blood is a great way to contribute to the emergency preparedness of the City as a whole. One pint of donated blood can save up to three lives, and one out of every three people will need a life-saving transfusion at some point in their lifetimes. Contact [New York Blood Center](#) to get involved.

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#### **Get Involved. NYC Volunteer Organizations**

On Tuesday, September 28, bring a friend and join the NYC Citizen Corps Council for

*Get Involved. NYC Volunteer*

*Organizations*, a workshop on the role of volunteer organizations during a disaster.

The event will take place at the American Red Cross in Greater New York ([Get](#)

[Directions](#): 520 West 49th Street, Manhattan) from 6 to 8 PM.

Kicking off the event, the very knowledgeable Ken Curtin, a Voluntary Agency Liaison at [FEMA](#), will provide an overall understanding and examples of the roles volunteer organizations play during a disaster and how all these organizations fit and work together. Following Mr. Curtin's address, volunteer representatives from different organizations will participate on a panel moderated by Meghan Maloney of New York Cares and Chair of the NYC Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). To wrap up the evening, over refreshments, several organizations including [American Red Cross in Greater New York](#), [Americorps](#), [CAMBA](#), [CERT](#), [Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation](#), [World Cares Center](#), [Medical Reserve Corps](#), [NYC Service](#), [New York Cares](#), and [NYC OEM](#) will be on hand to educate volunteers about their missions, roles volunteers play, and how prospective volunteers can sign up.

Registration is not required and there is no cost to attend. If you have any questions, please contact the NYC Citizen Corps Council at [citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov).

[Get Involved. NYC Volunteer Opportunities](#)

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## Get Involved.

### McCarren Park Volunteer Opportunity

On Saturday, October 2, join the NYC Citizen Corps Council and New York Cares for the first ever joint Volunteer Project at McCarren Park. Volunteers will beautify this local Brooklyn Park by raking leaves, weeding, watering, spreading woodchips and possibly planting flower bulbs.



The goal is to bring together volunteer leaders and staff from different organizations within the NYC Citizen Corps Council network. Space is very limited. If interested, [sign up for McCarren Park Project here.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the NYC Citizen Corps Council at [citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov).

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1199 Housing Corp.

200 Fifth Avenue

230 Park Avenue

345 Hudson Street

885 Third Avenue

American Red Cross in Greater New York

Animal Planning Task Force

Atlantic Center Mall

Bellevue Hospital Center

Beth Israel Medical Center - Kings Highway Division

Brooklyn Borough President's Office

Brooklyn Children's Museum

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Building Owners and Managers Association

Consortium for Haitian Empowerment

Department of Citywide Administrative Services

Empire State Building

Federal Reserve Bank

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Fire Department of New York

Fort Greene Grant Square Senior Center

Good Companions Senior Center of Henry Street Settlement

Grace Moravian Church

Heights & Hills Case Management Agency

Holy Cross Church

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Medical Reserve Corps

Museum of Arts and Design

New York Cares

New York City Fire Zone

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NYC Citizen Corps

NYC Department for the Aging

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NYC Office of Emergency Management

NYC Service

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Agency  
Holy Cross Church  
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Visiting Nurse Services  
Walt Disney's Northeast Crisis  
Management & ABC Business  
Continuity

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